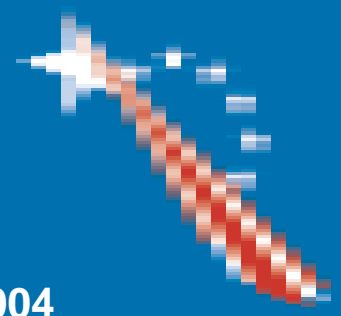


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This July 15 photo shows the parking terrace in the foreground. Behind that are the north retail shops and the restaurant.

## Riverwalk Landing Update

If you haven't had a chance to visit the Yorktown waterfront this summer, take a trip down that way one weekend afternoon and see the progress that's been made on the Riverwalk Landing project. But, if you can't make it to the riverfront, sit down at your computer and log onto [www.riverwalklanding.com](http://www.riverwalklanding.com) and view the project photos that are updated several times a month.

Fill dirt has been trucked in to bring the ground to a level high enough to avoid future flooding. The parking deck is nearing completion and several building façades are in place. Future work to be completed includes:

- Nick's Riverwalk Restaurant - Targeted Completion Date is January 2005;
- North Retail Buildings - Targeted Completion Date is November 2004;
- South Retail Buildings - Targeted Completion Date is January 2005;
- Dockmaster Buildings - Targeted Completion Date is October 2004;
- Hardscape and Landscape - Targeted completion Date is January 2005.

## Symphony Performance August 28

With support from the York County Arts Commission, York County, business sponsors, associations, and community contributors, the volunteer Celebrate Yorktown Committee is pleased to sponsor the Virginia Symphony's eighth annual appearance in Yorktown. The Virginia Symphony will perform under the baton of Conductor Shizuo Kuwahara beneath the stars at the Victory Monument on Main Street in Yorktown at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 28. This free-to-the-public concert program will feature music from the movies and Broadway.

A pre-concert performance by our own Fifes and Drums of York Town will begin at 6 p.m.

Arrive early with your chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets to join in on the "Blue Ribbon Picnic Contest." Judging is performed by the 2003 winners. Prizes will be awarded by the Picnic Sponsors.



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Board of Supervisors Actions

May 4, 2004

- Approved a temporary waiver of building permit fees on permits for the repair and reconstruction of buildings damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Isabel. The waiver is in effect until September 18, 2005. That will give property owners a full two years from the date of the hurricane to assess damages and apply for necessary permits without having to pay the usual permit fees.
- Authorized the completion of purchases of goods and services relating to Hurricane Isabel recovery and appropriated the necessary funds. Some of the services and goods included the contracting of debris removal and general cleanup, equipment for the repair of the vacuum sewer system, additional radio units for improved communication among County staff, and four pickup trucks scheduled for purchase in FY05.

May 18, 2004

- Amended the York County Code to impose and provide for collection of a \$2.00 per room night additional transient occupancy tax in accordance with Section 58.1-3823(c) of the Code of Virginia. See page 3 for more information.
- Amended a previously approved Special Use Permit to allow a driveway connection between the congregate care facility and the entrance on Rt. 17 that currently serves McDonald's restaurant. The original use permit authorized the establishment of a 118-unit senior housing-congregate care facility on Fort Eustis Boulevard.

June 1, 2004

- Approved FY2005 County and State funding for local arts organizations. The Board of Supervisors appropriated \$56,000 for FY2005 for support of the arts.
- Expressed appreciation to the Yorktown Rotary Club for creating a picnic shelter at New Quarter Park. In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Rotary International, the Yorktown Club chose to donate a picnic shelter at New Quarter Park. County staff developed the site plan and ordered materials in keeping with other shelters in the Park. The Yorktown Rotary Club paid for the materials and provided the labor necessary to build a 20' x 28' shelter that will be enjoyed for many years.
- Expressed appreciation to the Eastern Virginia Mountain Bike Association for creating mountain bike trails at New Quarter Park. Association members volunteered over 1,000 hours to design and construct five miles of bike trails at New Quarter Park. This contribution to the citizens of York County and of the region has a value estimated in excess of \$17,000.

June 15, 2004

- Accepted and appropriated Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program grant funds to assist the Sheriff's Office in developing capabilities for detecting, deterring, disrupting, and preventing acts of terrorism. This includes planning, training, exercises, organizational activities, and equipment to aid the office in being better prepared for terrorism incidents.

July 13, 2004

- Authorized land acquisition to facilitate implementation of the Grafton Drive-Burts Road improvement project proposed in the six-year Secondary Roads Improvement Program. The program can be reviewed at [www.yorkcounty.gov/planning/documents.htm](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/planning/documents.htm).

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Board Appointments

- Historic Yorktown Design Committee*  
Jennifer Carver      Nancy Laurier
- Historical Committee*  
Paige Archer      Kathleen Manley  
Robert Neely
- Stormwater Advisory Committee*  
Jan Briede      Martin Fisher  
Jim Pouchot      Jeffrey Wassmer
- Youth Commission, 2004-2005*  
Ben Abel      Kristen Ashby  
Peter Bakkum      Ben Frisch  
Harut Gyurjyan      Prateesh Maheshwari  
Aagya Mathur      Banu Myneni  
Jonathan Noel      Caitlyn O'Har  
Chris Rhodes      Stephanie Richardson  
Jennifer Rosso      Sarah Trimble  
Monique Washington



## Head Start Taking Applications

York County Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2004-2005 school year. This program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and is licensed through the state by the Department of Social Services. Enrollment is open to families meeting federal income guidelines and whose children are aged 3 to 5 (after September 30). This FREE preschool program extends services to include the special needs of children with disabilities.

Children attend Head Start classes September through May on Tuesday through Friday mornings for half-day sessions. Children receive a USDA breakfast and lunch, while the child's family receives case management services. York County Head Start is licensed for 117 children with seven classrooms located throughout the County. Transportation is provided on a limited basis within the County.

Head Start does not discriminate in any of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

If you would like more information about Head Start or would like to volunteer, call 890-3888 or visit the office located in the Griffin-Yeates Center, 1490 Government Road, Williamsburg.

## Museum Seeks Volunteers

The York County Historical Museum needs volunteers to act as docents/greeters for visitors to the museum. Training can be done on an individual basis. You need only an interest in welcoming visitors; no in-depth knowledge of our local history is required. Museum hours are 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. The museum is located on the lower level of York Hall, corner of Main and Ballard Streets in the historic village of Yorktown.

If you're interested in donating some time, call 898-4910 and leave your recorded message.

## Attention All York County Hotels/Motels/Bed & Breakfasts . . .

*Collections of \$2.00 additional tax of transient occupancy effective July 1, 2004*

The 2004 Virginia General Assembly passed Bill Number SB 652, which authorizes York County to impose an additional Transient Occupancy Tax of \$2.00 per room per night. This tax does not apply to rooms rented and continuously occupied by the same individual(s) for 30 or more continuous days.

The York County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 04-8 to amend the York County Code Section 21-93 to impose the \$2.00 per room, per night tax in addition to the current Transient Occupancy Tax effective July 1, 2004. This revenue must be spent on advertising the Historic Triangle area as an overnight tourism destination.

A form, in addition to the current form for Transient Occupancy Tax, will be mailed to each hotel/motel/bed and breakfast owner. As with the Transient Occupancy Tax, this form is due to be filed and payment remitted to the Commissioner of the Revenue on or before the 20th day of the month following the month collected.

For more information, please contact the office at 890-3383. Forms are available on-line at [www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue) and click on "Forms."

## Got a Drainage Problem?

For roadside drainage, call the VDOT Seaford office at 898-5151 for those areas south of Route 238 and Yorktown. For residents living north of those areas, call the Williamsburg office at 253-4832.

York County drainage easements are maintained approximately every ten months by the Drainage & Mosquito Control crews on a rotating basis.

To report drainage matters involving a designated County easement, or to determine the drainageway's responsible party, call the County at 890-3790.

## Do You File a Schedule C or C-EZ? (Profit or Loss from a Business)

If you filed a Federal Schedule C or Schedule C-EZ, "Profit or Loss from a Business" (Sole Proprietorship), you are considered engaged in business and required to obtain a York County Business License.

If Line E indicates that your business is located at a York County address and you have not obtained a York County Business License, you are in violation of State and County Laws. (In accordance with the Federal instructions, if Line E is left blank, it is presumed that your business is operating at the address listed on the front of the return.)

In addition to being required to obtain a Business License, you are also required to file a Tax Return of Business Tangible Personal Property, Machinery and Tools, annually on your business furniture, tools and equipment. For additional information on the requirements to obtain a Business License and file your Business Personal Property, please contact the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office immediately at 890-3383. More information can be found at [www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue).

## Parents Needed

Therapeutic foster parents and relief parents are needed to provide a structured family environment for behaviorally challenging teens. Ability to work with problematic behaviors required. Financial compensation, training, and ongoing support is provided.

For more information, call Terry Wagner at 564-2484.

## Are You New to York County?

A new resident's kit is available through the Public Information Office. Call 890-3300 to request that one be mailed to you, or visit the web site at [www.yorkcounty.gov/publicinfo](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/publicinfo) and complete the mail request. Welcome to York County!

## Local Business Report

by Melissa Dickens, Business Development Representative - Office of Economic Development

As part of York County's Route 17 Corridor Revitalization effort to improve the appearance of the County's main thoroughfare, the Industrial Development Authority is now offering matching grants of up to \$20,000 to owners of Route 17 businesses willing to perform a variety of improvements to their property. Improvements can include landscaping, repairs, installation of new lighting, façade improvements including painting, roofing, siding, windows, doors, shutters, canopies, awnings, and other structural changes meant to improve the building's appearance. New or renovated signage and demolition of a dilapidated or unsightly structure are also considered improvements.

The program began awarding grants in April with \$250,000 available to Route 17 businesses. Eleven businesses, listed below, have already taken advantage of this program; however, there is still over \$190,000 left for others who apply and qualify for a grant.

- |                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| •Campbell Land Surveying        | •Yorktown Motor Lodge        |
| •Grafton Crossing Office Suites | •Custom Telephone Services   |
| •Hairphenalia                   | •Harwood Village Association |
| •Jeff's Flowers Of Course       | •Yorktown Arts Foundation    |
| •Ken Matthews                   | •Custom Car Care             |
| •Oak Cabin                      |                              |

Applications are available at the Office of Economic Development, 224 Ballard Street in Yorktown, or on the County's web site at [www.yorkcounty.gov](http://www.yorkcounty.gov). For more information, call 890-3317.

On July 12, York County officials met with several of the Route 17 salvage yard owners to discuss the proposed landscaping improvements for their area of Route 17 just south of Victory Boulevard. The proposed landscaping is modeled after the landscaping located in the nearby medians. The County will fund half of the project with the remaining half coming from VDOT's Revenue Sharing Program.

The second topic discussed was the current salvage yard zoning ordinance. The County is hoping to amend this ordinance in the near future and is asking for input from the salvage yard owners so that the new ordinance is practical and workable for all those who will be affected by it. For a copy of the current ordinance, please visit [http://yorkweb/code/chap\\_05/index.html](http://yorkweb/code/chap_05/index.html) or contact our office.

Construction is now well underway on the Great Wolf Lodge - a \$48 million development located on East Rochambeau Road in upper York County. The resort hotel, which plans to open in the spring of 2005, will feature over 400,000 square feet of construction consisting of 301 family-sized themed suites, a 7,000 square foot arcade, and a 75,000 square foot indoor water park that will include four pools, eight water slides, and a large indoor wave pool. The Lodge will also have a themed family restaurant and bar, an Aveda® Concept spa, a fitness center, 6,500 square feet of state-of-the-art meeting space, and much more. For more information, visit the Great Wolf Lodge web site at [www.greatwolf lodge.com](http://www.greatwolf lodge.com).

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has a variety of economic development loan programs available to assist Virginia businesses. Two of these programs, the SBA Express and Community Express loan programs, are flexible financing tools that can be used by small businesses for a variety of purposes including financing fixed assets, working capital, or start-ups. These programs do not require an SBA application and have a normal turnaround time of only 36 hours.

In order to qualify for SBA loans, businesses must meet the SBA's definition of "small" business plus various other requirements. For more information regarding any of the SBA loan programs, please visit [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) or call (804) 371-8254.

If you're interested in establishing or relocating a business in York County, please contact our office at 890-3317 or email to [econdev@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:econdev@yorkcounty.gov).



Construction progress on the Great Wolf Lodge as of July 21, 2004.





# The York County School Division

302 Dare Rd., Yorktown, Va. 23692 • (757) 898-0300 • [yorkcountyschools.org](http://yorkcountyschools.org)

## It's Time to Gear-Up for School! Classes Start Sept. 7!

School days will be here before you know it, so now is the time to start thinking about getting ready for school.

A few tips:

✓If you're new to York County Schools (or are the parent of a kindergarten student), enroll your child in school today! Go directly to your zoned school to register your child. Schools are open throughout the summer Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

✓What do you need to register your child? Bring your child's birth certificate, social security card and previous school records, if applicable. You'll also need something that has your home address on it — an electric or other bill is good — and a state physical form filled in by your doctor.

✓Don't know what school your child will attend? Go to <http://yorkcountyschools.org>

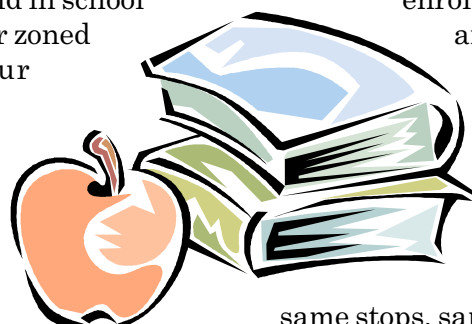
and follow the "Schools" and "Attendance Zone" links to determine the zone for your address. Aren't on-line or still have questions? Call 898-0300 or 898-0492.

✓All registered? Watch your mailbox in late August for school bus information. New enrollees and kindergarten, sixth and ninth grade students will receive transportation information prior to the start of the school year. Students attending the same schools in 2004-05 will follow the same procedure they followed last year —

same stops, same pick-up and drop-off times — unless otherwise notified. Transportation questions may be directed to 898-0344.

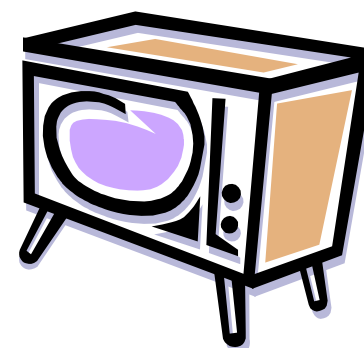
Open House and Back to School Night dates will be publicized in local media and on cable television channel 47. If you have questions before the start of school, don't hesitate to contact your child's school or call the division's information office at 898-0492.

See you in September!



## WATCH YCSD CHANNEL 47!

School Board Meetings  
About Our Schools  
Closing/Delay Announcements  
School Concerts & Events  
Reading Corner  
Math Corner  
NASA Why? Files  
Science, History & Foreign Language Shows  
Student-Produced Shows  
High School Graduations  
Information Bulletin Board



## [yorkcountyschools.org](http://yorkcountyschools.org): The on-line source for everything YCSD

What's on-line @ <http://yorkcountyschools.org>?

✎ Zoning information for every address in the county — just click on "Schools" and then "Attendance Zones".

✎ Links to each school's web site — just click on "Schools" and then the school's name.

✎ A printable state physical form, required for all new stu-

dents — just click "Student Information" and then look at the bottom of the page for a link to the form.

✎ Additional registration information, directions to the schools, important phone numbers, demographics, the student handbook & more — just click "Schools" or "Student Information". Both will link you to the

information you need.

✎ Schedules and class offerings at the division's Life Long Learning Center — just click "Special Programs".

✎ Job openings and information on the benefits of employment with the York County School Division — just click "Employment".

✎ Test scores on the Stan-

dards of Learning, Advanced Placement and Scholastic Aptitude tests, and state and school report cards — just click "Schools" and "Scores".

✎ And, to find out the latest information about the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), follow the "Hot Topic" link to "NCLB".

Visit often for updates!

The County's Comprehensive Plan and subsequent updates have resulted in . . .



New recreational facilities at New Quarter Park.



Route 17 landscaping.



The Lightfoot area as a major node of retail, office, tourist-oriented, and light industrial development.



Conversion of the State Fuel Farm on Penniman Road for an economically beneficial use.

## Help Chart the Course for York County's Future

“What are the plans for my neighborhood?” Citizens frequently call the Planning Division with this question. People see a dead-end street leading to a large undeveloped tract of land near their home and wonder what can be built there, or they may see survey markers that are often the first sign that development is on its way.

The answer to this question can be found in the York County Comprehensive Plan. Titled *Charting the Course to 2015*, the Comprehensive Plan is the long-range plan for the physical development of the County. For each area of the County it spells out what kind of development – single-family residential, commercial, multifamily residential, industrial, etc. – is considered desirable and appropriate. It also sets forth the County’s future plans for transportation, community facilities, the environment, housing, and economic development.

The Code of Virginia requires all cities and counties in the state to have a comprehensive plan and to review it every five years to determine if it needs to be revised. The last such review of York County’s plan took place in 1999, so it’s time to review it again. To oversee this project, the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission have formed a Steering Committee made up entirely of County citizens, with representation from various County boards and commissions and the York County Chamber of Commerce. In addition, a Communications and Outreach Group has been formed consisting of volunteers representing homeowners’ and civic associations and assorted groups.

Key to the success of a comprehensive plan is how well it reflects the citizens’ vision for their community. The challenging part is finding out what that vision is, and for that we need your help. This fall there will be a series of neighborhood meetings where you can find out what the current plans are for both the County and your neighborhood and also have a voice in shaping those plans. Meeting dates and locations are not final yet, but there will be one meeting in each of 15 areas in the County. Meetings will be informal, with large display maps for citizens to review, and Steering Committee members and County planners will be on hand to answer questions, listen to your ideas, and receive your comments. There are also plans to conduct a statistically valid telephone survey of County residents as another way of getting citizen input.

Meeting dates and locations will be announced soon in all three local newspapers, on Channel 46, and on the Planning Division web site at [www.yorkcounty.gov/planning](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/planning). In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments about the Comprehensive Plan or the review process, please contact the Planning Division at 890-3404 or at [planning@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:planning@yorkcounty.gov).

Comprehensive Plan Review Communications and Outreach Group		Comprehensive Plan Review Steering Committee
Brandywine – James MacPherson	Burcher Road – Bonnie Karwac	Nick Barba, Chairman
Carver Gardens – Montee Jons	Coventry – Michael Hendricks	Scott M. Bergeron
Dawson Crescent – Paula Dominguez	Glen Laurel – Pete Parkerson	Kenneth L. Bowman
Grafton Woods – Shirley Wilcox	Lakes at Dare – Whitney Cataldo	John R. Davis
Laurel Lake Waterfront – Richard Guertin	Magruder Woods – Joseph Gordon	Carole Ferro
Marlbank Cove – Bill O'Dell	Marlbank Farms – Bonnie Baffer	Alexander T. Hamilton
Meadowlake Farms – Bobby Baldwin	Moore House Area – Reggie Tucker	Carl Loveland
Queens Lake – Bruce McRitchie	Rainbrook Villas – Bob Studebaker	David Malmquist
Running Man – Matt Teasdale	Settlers Crossing – Frank Komornik	Mark Medford
Skimino Hills – Marshall Hart	Tabb Lakes – Charles Rossi	Rick A. Moberg
Wythe Creek Farms – Bill Euker	York Crossing – Ellen Wirt	Alfred E. Ptasznik, Jr.
York Terrace – Charles Wood		
Peninsula Housing & Builders Association – Robert Duckett		
Peninsula/Wmsbg Assoc. of Realtors – Susan Gaston		
Sentara Williamsburg Community Hospital – Tracey Dowling		
Williamsburg Commons Carriage Homes – Chuck Reusing		
Williamsburg Area Convention & Visitors Bureau – Mario Kokolis		
Wood Towne Quarters – Sue Ann Holloman		



# Hurricane Isabel - September 18, 2003

## Statistics for York County as of May 2004



Made landfall near Drum Inlet, NC at 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, as a category 2 hurricane.

Weakened to a tropical storm over southern Virginia.

Gloucester Point reported 60 knot sustained winds with a gust to 79 knots at 6 p.m. on September 18.

At Gloucester Point, the storm tide, which occurred at high tide, was 8.3 feet. This included a storm surge of 6.4 feet.

Homes Destroyed: 55

Small Business Administration Low Interest Loans -  
For Home Repair: \$9,050,008  
For Businesses: \$ 909,992

FEMA Housing and Other Needs Assistance: \$2,614,311

FEMA Reimbursement for Debris and Other Emergency Operations (75% of Actual Cost): \$10,618,434

National Flood Insurance Program Claims: 900



[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

[www.yorkcounty.gov/fls](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/fls)

Photos by Mary Boynton and Brian Harmon

## Are You Ready for Hurricane Season '04?

Many residents are still recovering from the damages to their homes and property caused by last September's Hurricane Isabel. York County's departments and agencies responded quickly to meet the needs of our residents. While many departments and agencies have specific responsibilities during an emergency, everyone worked as a team going that extra mile to get the job done once those main responsibilities were fulfilled. In the first hours following the storm, Fire & Life Safety, Sheriff's Office, Environmental & Development Services, and General Services all worked to open roads. Later, they teamed up with Community Services to deliver water and ice to area residents. In an emergency situation many normal services to County residents are curtailed. Such was the case in York

County. The weeks and months following the storm were frustrating for County staff and residents alike. It's safe to say that since the storm we have all given thought to how things could be done differently. In the past, the public has been advised to prepare to be self-sufficient for three days after a disaster. But, Isabel educated us all that we need to be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least *seven* days following a major storm.

There is a lot of information on disaster preparedness. Here are some important tips offered by the County departments and agencies. For in-depth disaster preparedness information, call the Department of Fire & Life Safety at 890-3600. Office hours are 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or visit our web site at [www.yorkcounty.gov/fls](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/fls).

### Hurricane Preparedness Tips

- Build a disaster supply kit and buy nonperishable food.
- Plan to be self-sufficient in a public shelter. Shelters have very few amenities. Remember to plan for your pet and arrange shelter at a kennel.
- Plan for family members and friends who have special needs. A shelter may not be the best place for someone receiving home health care.
- Keep prescription medications filled and consult with physician for an additional supply before the storm.
- Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed. Make trees more wind resistant by removing diseased or damaged limbs, and strategically remove branches so that wind can blow through.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts. Hurricanes often bring long periods of heavy rain. Providing clear drainage will help prevent misdirected flooding.
- Dispose of garbage and/or recycling materials to keep it from collecting. Dispose of extra items as they accumulate, rather than waiting until a storm watch or warning.
- Be prepared to be without electricity and telephone. Reduce the amount of frozen and refrigerated food stored during late summer and early fall to minimize loss due to spoilage.
- Check insurance policy for adequate coverage.
- Keep cash on hand. Keep good records of disaster related expenses.
- Put important papers together in a waterproof container and keep them with you if you evacuate.
- Have a flashlight and extra batteries for each area of the house including the garage.
- Have a first aid kit.
- Take CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training available through Fire & Life Safety, evacuate low-lying areas, mobile homes, and flood zones when advised.
- Prepare and plan for emergencies.
- Stay out of damaged areas, particularly public areas, until they are deemed safe by County officials.
- Keep your vehicles in good working order and keep the fuel tank topped off.
- Prepare your property for possible landfall by boarding up windows, placing lawn furniture and other loose items in a secure storage area, and unplugging electrical appliances.
- Follow instructions carefully when using a generator. Consult an electrician or visit [www.dom.com](http://www.dom.com) for more information.
- Have a battery-powered radio and extra batteries.
- Create an emergency contact list for family members.
- Use cell phone sparingly to preserve batteries.
- Check on neighbors.
- Create an evacuation plan and know your evacuation routes. However, once winds are strong enough to blow debris around, remain in your home.
- Secure your valuables in a safety deposit box or take them with you if you choose to evacuate.
- Secure your home when you leave.
- Stay in your home until roads are cleared and traffic control is established.
- When possible, check York County's web site for information at [www.yorkcounty.gov](http://www.yorkcounty.gov).

**WXGM-FM 99.1 is now York County's official radio station to receive information during a disaster. Should York County officially declare a local emergency for a disaster, tune to WXGM 99.1 FM during its regular news broadcast on the hour to get the times when York County-specific disaster information will be announced.**



# York County Beautification Committee



## 2004-05 Holiday Collection Schedule

### Labor Day Holiday

•Garbage collections will not be affected by the Labor Day holiday. Please follow normal schedule for garbage collections.

•Recycling collections will take place on Saturday, September 4.

### Thanksgiving Holiday

•Garbage collections will take place on Saturday, November 27.

•Recycling collections will take place on Saturday, November 27.

### Christmas Holiday

•Garbage collections will not be affected by the Christmas holiday. Please follow normal schedule for garbage collections.

•Recycling collections will not be affected by the Christmas holiday.

### New Year's Day Holiday

•Garbage collections will not be affected by the New Year's Day holiday. Please follow normal schedule for garbage collections.

•Recycling collections will not be affected by the New Year's Day holiday.

The Waste Management administrative offices will be closed:

*Labor Day - Monday, Sept. 6*

*Yorktown Day - Tuesday, Oct. 19*

*Veteran's Day - Thursday, Nov. 11*

*Thanksgiving Holiday - Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26*

*Christmas Holiday - Friday, Dec. 24*

*New Year's Holiday - Friday, Dec. 31*

With the exceptions of Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day, all other components of the Waste Management Center including the transfer station, recycling drop-off center, and compost facility, will be open. If you have questions, call the Waste Management Center at 890-3780.

## 2003 Activity Reports

Activity reports will soon be mailed to all civic organizations and homeowner associations in the County. If you do not receive a form, but have information regarding litter cleanups and/or beautification projects to report, ***please let us know!*** The York County Beautification Committee wants to recognize outstanding beautification and litter control efforts and will use the activity reports to determine award winners for the annual Fall Awards Banquet program. For more information, call Laurie Halperin.

## 2004-2005 Leaf Season

Once again, it's almost time for leaf season! (Where do the summers go?) Look for detailed information and collection schedules to be distributed in October. Collections should begin the first of November and will continue through January.

**Waste Management Center**  
Contact Info. -  
(757) 890-3780  
[www.yorkcounty.gov/eds](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/eds)

## Garbage Collection Program Change

The current contracts for residential garbage collection and operation of the York County Transfer Station are up for renewal, which may result in some changes to our current program as well as potential new service providers. Watch for updated information to be provided in September/October. Information will be posted on the County web site ([www.yorkcounty.gov](http://www.yorkcounty.gov)), the County's Cable Channel WYCG-TV46, as well as through local newspapers. For more information on the County's curbside garbage collections, please contact the Waste Management Center.

## Last Chance for Household Chemical Disposal

There are two remaining opportunities to participate in the Household Chemical Disposal Program. This program provides the opportunity for York County and Poquoson residents to safely dispose of a variety of household chemicals and paint products. The drop-off center will be open the following Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

**September 11 and November 13**

Acceptable materials include lawn and garden products, household maintenance products, automotive products, household cleaning products, and other miscellaneous products such as photo-finishing supplies, charcoal fluids, and chemistry sets. Please do not bring business or medical waste, explosives, compressed gas cylinders or shock sensitive materials, or unknown materials.

Residents may bring items to the facility located on County Drive (off Goodwin Neck Road). This service is available to York County and Poquoson residents only - no businesses, please. For more information about the household chemical collection program, please call the Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority at 259-9850.

## Personal Property Proration

York County prorates Personal Property Tax on motor vehicles only.

**Purchasing a new vehicle** - Vehicles must be registered and registration payment received (if applicable) within thirty days from the date of purchase. If you sell or trade a vehicle, you must notify the Commissioner of the Revenue and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). If you purchase a vehicle to replace a vehicle that was sold, traded, or disposed of, you can apply for a free registration transfer as long as you have paid the registration fee for the current year on the vehicle being sold, traded, or disposed of.

**New residents** - Vehicles must be registered and registration payment received (if applicable) within thirty days from the move in date. Residents moving into York County that have obtained a current decal, or paid the current registration fee from another Virginia locality can register their vehicle(s)

for no charge. A copy of the current state registration for each vehicle, a portion of the decal and the receipt from the previous locality is required to obtain this complimentary transfer. The vehicle may be subject to a prorated tax.

**Vehicle(s) that are moved OUT of the State of Virginia** - Proof of registration in the new state will be required before proration will be considered. Proration will be based upon the date registered in the new state. A vehicle will remain taxed in York County until such proof has been provided.

Failure to comply with these filing or registration payment deadlines will result in late filing penalties being assessed by the Commissioner of the Revenue. If you have any questions regarding Personal Property Taxes or proration, please contact the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at 890-3381. You may also visit the web site at [www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue).

## WYCG-TV46 Televised Meeting Schedule

**York County Board of Supervisors meetings** are televised live on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The meetings are retecast beginning the next day with the following schedule: Monday - Friday at 11 a.m., 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m.

**York County Board of Supervisors Work Sessions** are televised live and usually are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The meetings are retecast beginning the next day with the following schedule: Wednesday - Friday at 3 p.m.; Saturday - Monday at 7 p.m.

**York County Planning Commission meetings** are televised live on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. The meetings are retecast beginning the next day with the following schedule: Thursday and Friday at 11:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m., and 11:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

## The Buzz About Mosquitoes

**Mosquito Outlook** - With the large amount of rainfall we've received recently, we can anticipate a significant mosquito outbreak. To minimize the impact, the County's Drainage & Mosquito Control crews have been involved in mosquito prevention by maintaining many miles of hurricane related impounded drainageways throughout the County. Also, we have disbursed significant amounts of biological larvicide in the standing water mosquito breeding areas along with providing mosquito fish to citizens for their ornamental ponds. Both initiatives have further reduced the mosquito population.

As a last resort for the adult flying mosquito, we are also ground spraying as the situation dictates based on surveillance, volunteer monitor data, and citizen calls. Langley Air Force Base has tentatively scheduled an aerial mosquito spray for the latter part of August.

Because there are an estimated 40,000 mosquitoes for each person in the United States, it isn't possible to provide a mosquito-free environment especially in our locale with a large breeding habitat. Therefore it is important to wear long,

loose and light clothing when spending time outdoors. Using a proven mosquito repellent that contains DEET is also recommended.

For more information about Drainage & Mosquito Control activities, please visit the web site at [www.yorkcounty.gov/eds/mosquitocontrol.htm](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/eds/mosquitocontrol.htm).

**Be Mosquito Smart** - We can't stop the rain, but we can eliminate mosquito breeding areas in our yards. Here's how:

- Dispose of cans, bottles, plastic containers and tires;
- Turn over plastic wading pools, wheel barrows, and boats (anything that can hold water);
- Don't leave trash cans open or lids upside down;
- Flush birdbaths and potted plant holders weekly;
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools and aerate or use mosquito fish for backyard ponds;
- Do not deposit anything (grass clippings, leaves, branches, trash, etc.) in the drainage ditches that can wash downstream causing an impoundment to the whole drainage system. Instead, bag all yard debris for scheduled roadside pickup.
- Store pet bowls inside when not in use.



## Election Day is November 2

**On the Ballot** - Voters will cast their ballots on Tuesday, November 2 for: President & Vice President; Member, 1st District U.S. House of Representatives; and Two Virginia State Constitutional Amendments.

The registration books close October 4 at 5 p.m. for this year's general election. A reminder to those who have moved

after registering to vote, you must be registered in the precinct in which you live to be qualified to vote.

Eligible citizens may register to vote or reregister with an address change at one of the following locations:

- Registrar's Office located in the Administration Center, 224 Ballard Street in Yorktown;
- York County Public Libraries - 100 Long Green Blvd. in Tabb and 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway in Yorktown;
- Griffin-Yeates Center, 1490 Government Road in Williamsburg; and
- Many state agencies, including the Department of Motor Vehicles.

For information on additional state agencies offering voter registration or to request an application to register by mail, contact the Registrar's Office.

**Registrar's Office  
Contact Info. -  
(757) 890-3440  
[www.yorkcounty.gov/voting](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/voting)**

**Can't Get to the Polls?** Absentee voting is available for those voters who will be out of their precinct on November 2 or who are unable to go to their polling place due to a physical illness or disability, or otherwise qualify to vote an absentee ballot. Ballots are available 45 days prior to an election. Thursday, October 28 is the last day absentee ballot applications will be accepted by mail. Applications for absentee ballots by mail are available by contacting the Registrar's Office and can also be found on the web site. The deadline for voting an absentee ballot in person at the Registrar's Office is 5 p.m., October 30.

The Registrar's Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, October 23 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information on emergency absentee voting which may extend the deadline until 2 p.m. on November 1, call the Registrar's Office.

**York County Precincts and Polling Places** - The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at all York County polling places. If you are not sure where to vote, visit the web site and click on "Find Your Polling Place," or call the Registrar's Office before November 2.

**Attention Queens Lake Voters** - Registered voters in the Queens Lake Precinct will vote November 2 at Magruder Elementary School, 700 Penniman Road in Williamsburg.

## Annual Student Exchange Seeks Interested Participants

by Lynn DiVito, York County Historical Committee

This fall the application process will begin again for tenth and eleventh grade students interested in learning about German culture. The Yorktown-Zweibrücken Student Exchange provides an opportunity for ten students and a chaperone to host and then visit counterparts from Zweibrücken, Germany - a small town near the borders of France and Belgium.



Begun in 1976, the annual "exchange" of students honors a cultural connection forged when Zweibrücken citizens participated as allies to the Continental Army in the decisive Siege of Yorktown. Serving under Comte de Rochambeau, soldiers such as Private Georg Daniel Flohr effectively secured Redoubt 9 during the night attack on October 14, 1781, crucial in leading to British General Cornwallis' surrender to General George Washington's allied troops.

The German students visit York County for four weeks in the spring, coinciding with spring break; the American students travel in the summer. Along with visits to the counterparts' schools, the itineraries include social events as well as cultural and historical tours. The bonds created are strong, with many students remaining in touch years after their visits. Today, the citizens of Zweibrücken are extremely proud of their association with Yorktown.

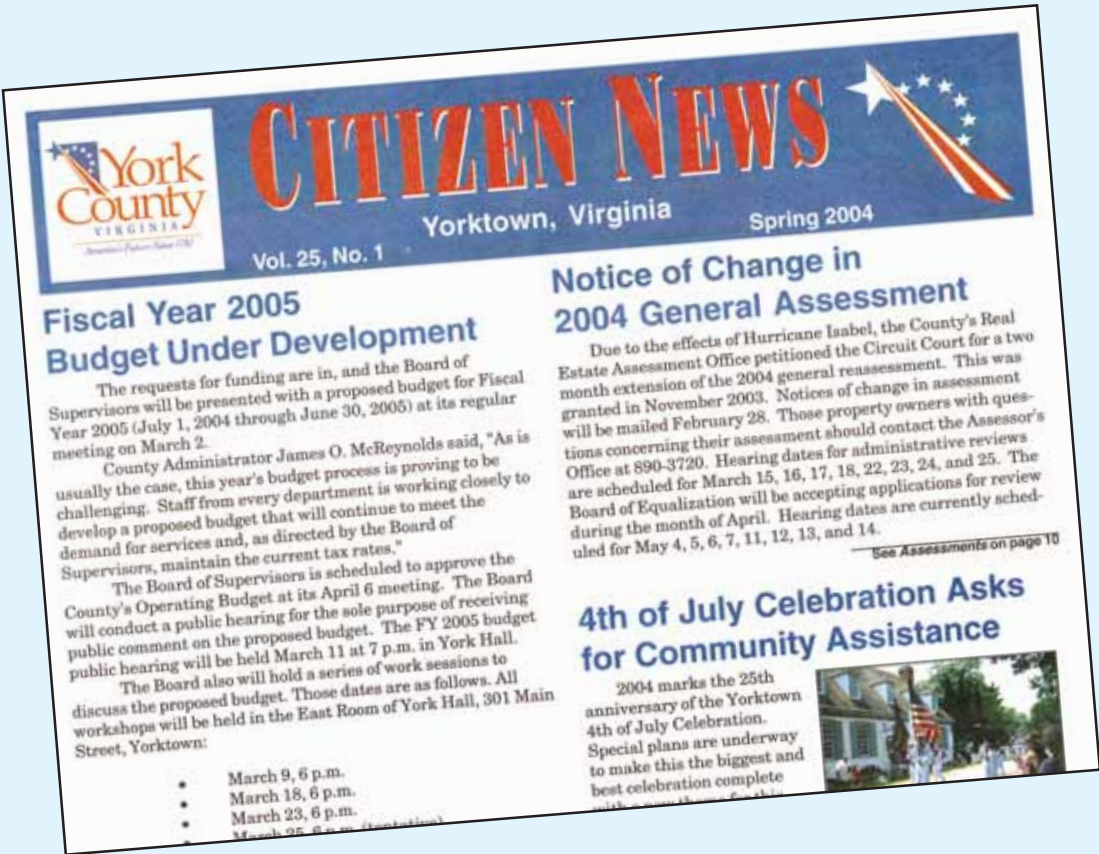
Sponsored by the Board of Supervisors through the Historical Committee and administered by the York County School Division, the program requires York County students to provide trip reports to the sponsors. They also prepare an essay that will be graded by English teachers the first quarter of the following school year, and, as part of the application process, make a short video explaining reasons for wanting to participate.

The American students' transportation to and from Germany is funded by the County and arranged by the School Division.

York County tenth and eleventh graders interested in participating during the 2004-2005 school year can look for information at Back-to-School nights. Applications may be picked up in the guidance offices of all four York County high schools beginning in October. Additional application information is available at [www.yorkcounty.gov/yche/main/stu\\_exch.htm](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/yche/main/stu_exch.htm).

The Yorktown-Zweibrücken Student Exchange has proven to be a valuable educational and cultural experience for the students and chaperones fortunate enough to be chosen over the years.

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